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1. REF TELEGRAM HAS GREATLY HEIGHTENED OUR CONCERNS OVER MUSLIM WORLD PLANNING. VERY GENUINE PROBLEMS POSED FOR BUREAU, AND PARTICULARLY FOR BBC, BY PLACEMENT OF FBIS-MANNED RADIO MONITORING OPERATION IN CAVERSHAM (REF A) APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SWEEP ASIDE WITHOUT EXPLANATION OR DISCUSSION. I CAN ONLY REITERATE FEARS THAT UNILATERAL DECISION TO PROCEED WITH FBIS-STAFFED UNIT, IN FACE OF BBC RESERVATIONS, COULD HAVE MOST SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN SERVICES. I URGE AGAIN -- INDEED I PLEAD -- THAT YOU CONTACT RAE DIRECTLY TO DISCUSS NEXT STAGES OF MUSLIM WORLD PLANNING.

2. STAFFING BREAKDOWN, AT LEAST AS OUTLINED IN REF C, ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO CONCERNS. UNLESS ISLAMAEAD PROJECT PARAMETERS HAVE CHANGED GREATLY, IS NOT A STAFF ENGINEER REQUIRED TO GET REMOTE LINK INTO OPERATION. RELATED TO THIS IS THE UNANSWERED QUESTION OF WHETHER A BOARDMAN WILL BE NEEDED. THIS WAS SUGGESTED BY [] DURING HIS VISIT AND IT WILL CERTAINLY BE A REQUIREMENT IF OVERNIGHT TUNING AND RECORDING IS IN ORDER. IT IS QUESTIONABLE, IF DECISION HAS INDEED BEEN MADE IN FAVOR OF FBIS-MANNED UNIT, TO WHAT-EXTENT WE WILL BE ABLE TO RELY ON BBC FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT.

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3. HEADQUARTERS ALREADY IS AWARE THAT WE FEEL WE HAVE OUR BACKS TO THE WALL IN THE AREA OF TELETYPE SUPPORT. WE HAVE A REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL TELEOP POSITION PENDING RIGHT NOW. TO HANDLE AN INCREASING FILE WE FEEL WE NEED AT LEAST TWO

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 OPERATORS ABOVE CURRENT T/O: THE ONE ALREADY REQUESTED AND THE ONE RELATED TO THE MUSLIM WORLD BUILD-UP.

4. RECRUITING, PROCESSING AND THEREAFTER SUPPORTING MINIMUM OF ELEVEN ADDITIONAL STAFFERS AND FOREIGN NATIONAL EMPLOYEES, NOT TO MENTION EXTRA PERSONNEL PLANNED FOR FY 81, WILL SO HEAVILY TAX OUR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF THAT I CANNOT EASILY SEE HOW SUPPORT TO LONDON, LET ALONE THE OTHER BUREAUS DEPENDENT ON LONDON, CAN CONTINUE AT PRESENT LEVELS. AN ADDITIONAL PERSON WILL BE NEEDED IN THE ADMIN SECTION VERY SOON.

5. FINALLY, THERE REMAINS THE UNADDRESSED PROBLEM OF SPACE TO HOUSE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. THIS IS CRITICAL. THE BUREAU CAN HARDLY BEGIN SERIOUS RECRUITING UNTIL A SOLUTION FOR THE SPACE PROBLEM HAS BEEN FOUND, AS THERE LITERALLY IS NO SPACE FOR NEW PERSONNEL TO OCCUPY. ALL OF ABOVE WAS SPELLED OUT IN REF A.

6. I GATHER THAT HQS TOOK SOME EXCEPTION TO OUR REMARK ABOUT PIECEMEAL PLANNING, BUT IMPRESSION OF HEADLONG HASTE IS HARD TO AVOID. WE FEEL THAT THE PERSONNEL REQUEST TO THE EMBASSY SHOULD HAVE BEEN STAFFED OUT IN MUCH GREATER DETAIL, IN DIALOG BETWEEN THE BUREAU AND HQS., AND THAT ALL PARTS OF THE REQUEST (INCLUDING THE FY 81 POSITIONS) MIGHT BETTER HAVE BEEN PRESENTED AS A SINGLE PACKAGE. THE WAY WE HAVE CHOSEN COULD TURN INTO A FORM OF SLOW TORTURE.

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